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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR LE UNSC XF
SUBJ: DAYAN COMMENTS ON LEBANON: STATUS OF CAIRO AGREEMENT

REF: TEL AVIV 5383

1. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT WALDHEIM TOLD DAYAN THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS CAIRO AGREEMENT NULL AND VOID. THAT WAS WHAT BOUTROS TOLD WALDHEIM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION (BEIRUT 2212). THAT WAS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS BOUTROS-SARKIS VIEW, BUT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RESERVATIONS AND CAIRO ACCORD IS STILL HOT ISSUE. GOL HAS NOT, AND PROBABLY WILL NOT, MAKE PUBLIC DECLARATION THAT IT IS VOID, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD FIND MUCH SUPPORT FOR THAT POSITION. DAYAN SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT IF IT COMES TO OVERT ACTIONS CONFIRMING THAT AGREEMENT IS VOID, GOL IS LIKELY TO BACK AWAY. WE HOPE HE DOES NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT WALDHEIM TOLD HIM, BECAUSE BOUTROS

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WILL HAVE TO DENY HE SAID IT.

2. WE ALSO HOPE REVIVAL OF ILMAC WILL PROVE POSSIBLE, BUT GENERAL SIILASVUO'S REMARK THAT ISRAELIS WANTED TO TALK ABOUT OPEN BORDER HAS PROBABLY SCARED LEBANESE OFF FOR TIME BEING. ONCE NEW CABINET GETS INSTALLED, WE WILL RETURN TO CHARGE.

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